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SUBJECT: TENNECO FOUR

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1. FONMIN ZEWDE HAS AUTHORIZED TENNECO ASSURE INTERMEDIARY THAT THE FIVE ELF PRISONERS NAMED BY THE REVOLUTIONARY COUNCIL ARE ALL SAFE AND SOUND.

2. AT ZEWDE'S SUGGESTION I CONTACTED DEFENSE MINISTER AMAN AFTER-NOON AUGUST 9 WITH REGARD POSSIBLE IEG RELEASE OF ONE OR MORE ELF PRISONERS. HE PROMISED ENDEAVOR OBTAIN DECISION IN MEETING WITH AFCC REPRESENTATIVES THAT AFTERNOON. EARLY MORNING AUGUST 10 GENERAL AMAN SAID MATTER NOT SETTLED YET AND COULD ONLY BE RESOLVED "AT HIGHER LEVEL" AFTER CONSULTATION WITH FONMIN. I THEN REACHED ZEWDE AND HE PROMISED CONTACT AMAN IMMEDIATELY. BOTH UNDERSTOOD THAT I WAS MOST ANXIOUS OBTAIN THIS INFORMATION BY NOON AUGUST 10, WHICH HAS JUST PASSED. ISSUE MAY HAVE BEEN PLACED BEFORE THE NEW COMMITTEE OF COORDINATION INVOLVING BOTH CABINET MINISTERS AND AFCC REPRESENTATIVES.

3. BOGAN, WHO IS GOING TO KHARTOUM INSTEAD OF GRAHAM, HAS BEEN
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BRIEFED AND WILL CHECK BY TELEPHONE FOR LATEST INFORMATION JUST

PRIOR HIS POSTPONED DEPARTURE AT 1430 LOCAL. WE HAVE RECOMMENDED HE POINT OUT IN DISCUSSIONS WITH ZEIN THAT MILITARY PLAY CRUCIAL ROLE IN DECISIONS HERE AT PRESENT AND THAT THEY FIND IT PARTICULARLY DIFFICULT AGREE TO RELEASE OF ERITREANS WHO HAVE ATTEMPTED ASSASSINATE OFFICERS OR ENGAGED IN FIRE-FIGHTS WITH IEG MILITARY FORCES.

4. BOGAN HAS LETTER ADDRESSED FROM ME TO HIM SPECIFYING ASSURANCES WHICH FONMIN HAS PROVIDED REGARDING SAFETY OF FIVE DESIGNATED ERITREAN PRISONERS. HE WILL PROBABLY GIVE ZEIN COPY.
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